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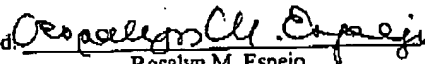
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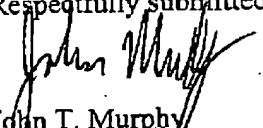
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Rosalyn M. Espejo**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants petition for a 3 month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. The due date for the enclosed Response to Office Action, including the requested 3 month Extension of Time, is May 18, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$510.00 for the 3 month Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 502690 (Order No. A-67493-3).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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